

The
Saltaire Sentinel
Your Lion of VIGILANCE *Published monthly*

WURLITZERVERSARY

CELEBRATING SEVENTY-FIVE

**IT'S NOT
 THE PAPER
 PEOPLE BUY,
 IT'S THE
 PAPER BY
 THE PEOPLE**

The Saltaire Wurlitzer is set to celebrate its 75th Birthday at the Victoria Hall with a concert of popular music on Sunday, June 10th, Writes

Peter Rushton

International organist Phil Kelsall will be joined by soprano Claudia Myles for the celebratory performance, at 2.30pm.

To mark this special occasion we shall have a display charting the organ's history. Tickets are available at £8 on the door from 2pm on the day, or ring:

0845 400 2208

Friday, July 20th sees the 'Seaside Comes to Saltaire' once again with Ballroom Dancing to the Wurlitzer when Phil Kelsall, the resident organist from the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool, returns.

The Cinema Organ Society is looking forward to hosting an International Theatre Organ Convention over the August Bank Holiday weekend, welcoming visitors from the USA and Europe. Though based around the Saltaire Wurlitzer, we will also visit a number of other venues in the north.

**In this issue
 BANDSTAND
 Plus
 KNITNACKS
 Plus
 ALL OUR USUAL
 UNUSUALS**

ANNUAL FETE

Saturday
 June 30th

In the grounds of

Saltaire

United

Reformed

Church

From 12.30pm

Bands, dancers,
 bouncy castle,
 puppets, and much
 more fun for all the
 family.

Look out for posters
 around the Village

HISTORY CLUB

The next meeting of the Saltaire History Club, on Thursday June 7th, in the Salt Building of Shipley College (opposite Victoria Hall), will feature a talk by **David King** about his recent trip, with Dave Shaw, to Dayton, Tennessee. There will also be an open forum to discuss the magnificent aerial photograph taken by C.H. Woods in 1935, now on display in the Visitor Information Centre. The meeting begins at 7pm and admission is free.

**SALTAIRE
 VILLAGE SOCIETY
 Annual General Meeting
 Tuesday, June 19th
 Half Moon Café, Roberts Park, 7pm**
 Including election of the committee and a talk by World Heritage Site Officer **Craig McHugh** on 'Castles, Coal & Conservation'.

DEMOLITION DATE SOUGHT

by Roger Clarke

There has been a recent flurry of email activity about the wash-house, when an enquiry was received on the village website from **Malcolm Shifrin**, a retired librarian from Leatherhead who is writing a book about Victorian Turkish baths. Most *Sentinel* readers will be aware that Sir Titus built his bath-house and wash-house on Caroline Street using cutting edge technologies for the time. He included a Turkish baths complete with plunge pools and an elaborate heating system. As usual with this type of enquiry, a team of enthusiastic Saltaire historians took up the challenge, most notably **Dave Shaw, David King, and Ian Watson**, and then latterly staff at the **Shipley College Resource Centre** where the Saltaire Archive is kept.

A number of knotty technical problems, such as the height of the chimney, taxed everyone, but there was general consensus that the facility was built in 1862, demolished in 1889 when house plans were submitted for planning permission, and that the houses were demolished in 1938/39. The last date is the best we can come up with, but **we would be particularly interested if any *Sentinel* readers can come up with a more exact date.** It is recent enough for some of our older readers to remember the event.

Malcolm was thrilled with our teamwork and the result. He now has copies of the original plans for the buildings and a number of artists' impressions (especially from the late **Percy Price**).

Everyone will know that the site was derelict for many years but has now been created into a community garden.

Malcolm has promised to let us know when his book is published, and we will pass the information on to you via the *Sentinel* pages.

RAINBOW MORRIS LATEST

Rainbow's 2012 season is well underway with five dance events in the Village, writes **Kay Wilkinson**. In March at the Winter Bandstand at the Caroline Club the weather was good enough for us to dance outside. At Easter we were invited to dance for a Victoria Hall wedding. We formed a bridal arch and danced for the bridal party and guests - some of whom joined in and had a lot of fun. Recently, we danced in between the showers at the World Heritage Weekend. May saw us running the North West Morris workshop at the Saltaire Day of Dance (we will also be running a Workshop at the October event) and dancing at the Saltaire Bandstand.

This year we are delighted to be dancing again at the Saltaire Festival. On Saturday, September 8th we are holding our Day of Dance. Using Victoria Hall as our base, Rainbow and several invited local Morris teams will be dancing around the Village. The day will culminate in a Showcase Dance, when each team will perform their favourite dance for what we hope will be a good-sized audience!

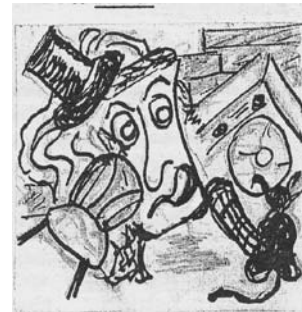
Rainbow has been participating in the Big Saltaire Knit, and on the day will be presenting our special team-knitted and team-sized Rainbow Scarf in a dance especially written for the occasion.

Rainbow Morris practice in Shipley each Monday from 7pm to 8.30pm.

If you are interested in joining as a dancer or musician or would like further information, please contact Kay Wilkinson (dancer) **07906 876155 wilkinsonke@yahoo.co.uk** or Terry Cook (musician) **07910 834964 sligo47@yahoo.co.uk** or visit our website **www.rainbowmorris.co.uk**.

THE STORY OF THE SENTINEL

By Roger Clarke



World Heritage Wheelie has been a feature of the *Sentinel* since the second issue in 2003. With the tag-line "Does NOT talk rubbish" the bin has been a regular feature in all subsequent editions. He first appeared on page 2, where he remained until February, 2005 when he was repositioned to the back page, providing the "last word" every month. The green bins were relatively new in the village in 2003, and Wheelie's first ever caption quoted a notice which had been stuck on his lid: "Your bin is too heavy for the lifting mechanism, so please remove some of your refuse before the next collection." He has been a complainer and commentator on stories featured in the *Sentinel* ever since.

Readers will have noticed that Wheelie is presented in a variety of guises. Usually he has a top hat, worn at a rakish angle, but occasionally his headgear is that of a cricketer, artist or clown, and he is sometimes accompanied by additional items, as in February, 2004, [*above*].

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Everyone's favourite lion appropriately festooned for the Arts Trail last month.

KNIT IT YOURSELF

Says **Keith Lander**

The Big Saltaire Knit's latest campaign is to encourage all you knitters out there to knit a square for Saltaire, helping other groups involved, like Kniterati, to make bunting and have it on display during the Saltaire Festival. Promoted by Texere Yarns on World Heritage weekend, the campaign to 'Knit a Square for Saltaire' is a good way to get involved in the Big Knit if you'd prefer to sit at home, a cafe or as part of a local group. When you've done your square (or triangle if you prefer), simply hand it in and it will be turned into bunting. Simple instructions are kindly provided by Kniterati, based at Vicars Café Bistro, Victoria Road. Pop in or email knitsaltaire@gmail.com.

But hurry, because everyone is being encouraged to do all their wonderfully knitted flags by Early July. Once done you put your flag(s) in an envelope marked 'for the Big Knit!', and with your name and email address on. Hand it in either at Vicars or Saltaire Yarns, Oastler Road. Then email knitsaltaire@gmail.com giving your name, contact no. and how many flags you've done. Please use any colour or texture and do knit more than one if you can. Use acrylic yarn NOT wool. Reuse your unwanted yarn, shop locally e.g. at Saltaire Yarns or contact us for free yarn specially donated by Texere Yarns. Since being promoted by the *Sentinel* last year, the Big Saltaire Knit project, which is aimed at drawing visitor's attention to Saltaire's wonderful architectural, woollen and world heritage in a creative, fun and quirky way, has inspired local groups and individuals to get knitting!

For more information on how to get involved with the Big Saltaire Knit - whether you can knit or not, contact Keith at knitsaltaire@gmail.com or by telephone on **07950 471456**

SALTAIRE
BOOKSHOP

1 Myrtle Place
Monday- Saturday
10am - 5pm

New/Second-hand books
01274 - 589144

The SPA

21 Titus Street
The Authentic
Village corner shop

Open Mon-Sat
8am-10pm

Sun. 10am-10pm

01274 - 826534

VICARS

Café Bistro

79 Victoria Road

"Pop in and see us!"

01274 - 597818

ADVERTISING

All the establishments featured in these 'small ads' serve as outlets for this newspaper and are promoted on that basis.

The Sentinel

can also be found at
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VILLAGE WEBSITE

The *Saltaire Sentinel* is available online, via the not for profit Saltaire Village Website, thanks entirely to Pamela Reynolds, who manages and maintains the site at

www.saltairevillage.info

SALTAIRE HANDMADE

Arts and Crafts

All handmade, all local.
(new venue this year:)

Caroline

Social Club

Saturday,

June 16th

10am-3pm

enquiries@htgevents.com

BOOKSHOP EVENT

Saltaire Bookshop welcomes the Polish novelist **A M Bakalar** on Thursday, June 14th at 6pm. She will be reading from her novel "Madame Mephisto" and will be accompanied by a jazz duo who will be serenading her as the talk begins. The event is **Free**. Further details can be found at the shop or ring **01274 589144**.

ARTS APPRAISAL

Dear *Sentinel*,

Thank you for producing such an insightful and original read. The Saltaire Arts Trail is a very innovative and fascinating event and I feel very inspired by the photography and multi-dimensional creative exhibitions. Recently, I felt very uplifted after visiting an art exhibition at Salts Mill, where I experienced an inner transformation. I believe Saltaire is an artistic and cultural oasis, with a great historical legacy attributed to Sir Titus.

Yours sincerely, **Anita Mackwood**

CONCERT AT SAINT PAUL'S

Kirkgate, Shipley

Friday, June 15th 7.30pm

Otley Brass Band

£7 on the door

All proceeds to Organ Restoration Fund

CUPPACARE

The café and bookstall in New Kirkgate, is a non-profit enterprise, run by Shipley Christians Together, **10am-1.30pm Mondays and Fridays**.

Saltaire Cricket Club

TABLE TOP SALE in Victoria Hall

Sunday, June 3rd from 10 am

Up to 69 stallholders selling a wide variety of items from books, jewellery, small collectible antiques, to good second hand clothes.

To reserve a table, call **01274 787908**

or see www.saltaire.play-cricket.com

OBITUARY

Sadly, we report that **Dr. Laing**, a well respected GP for Shipley and Saltaire for many years, died on April 25th. She was featured once or twice in these pages and I know that many *Sentinel* readers will remember her with affection, says **Roger Clarke**. Donations to Alzheimer's Society are invited.

BANDSTAND PROGRAMME

Regular Summer Sunday concerts have begun again at the bandstand in Roberts Park. There are quite a few invitations to dance as well as just listen and enjoy, says **Eddie Lawler**. All events are free, with a collection for the performers.

Please note: The concerts this year are 2.30 to 4pm.

June

3rd Beckfoot School Music

10th Hall Royd Band

17th Salsa Como Loco

24th Fairfax Concert Singers

"Jazz & Curry"

Saturday, June 2nd, from 6.30pm: Cocorico (7.30)

WORLD HERITAGE

WHEELIE

Does NOT talk rubbish



"I knitted it myself!"

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